

**DRAFT RESOLUTION LANGUAGE
FROM CHARTER RENEWAL SUBCOMMITTEE
FOR OCNMS ADVISORY COUNCIL DISCUSSION
PRESENTED AT NOVEMBER 4, 2016 MEETING**

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS) Advisory Council's Charter Renewal Subcommittee (CRS) was tasked with reviewing and providing recommendations for updating the 2011 Advisory Council (AC) Charter. The CRS did not identify any major changes required to make to the 2016 AC Charter, but came up with several recommendations based on AC operational experience over the past five years. These recommendations, along with further details, were provided in the CRS final report. Overall, the CRS advised keeping language in the Charter broad enough to avoid exclusion and to incorporate changes made in national guidelines. Overall the Advisory Council accepts the CRS's recommendations, amended at the September 23 meeting, as follows:

1. In the case of primary and alternate availability of members to serve as Executive Committee officers, preference will be given to primary council members. The Advisory Council Chair must be a primary member, while alternate members could serve in the role of Vice-chair or Secretary. The primary and alternative member of one seat not allowed to serve simultaneously on Executive Committee.
2. Change the date of elections for AC Executive Committee from January meeting to March meeting to ensure that any potential candidates reapplying to serve another term in his/her seat is re-instated before running.
3. Incorporate 2015 Charter amendment made to change name of Commercial Fishing seat to Fishing seat.
4. Update dates (years) in tables listing seat representation or term ends. Add a quorum chart to depict voting members (non-government and government).
5. Remove U.S. Geological Survey seat on AC, based on their inability to dedicate staff and resources to participate. USGS requested we consult with them again in 5 years during next Charter renewal process in the event they are in a better position to rejoin.
6. Update 2016 AC Charter to reflect changes in National Marine Sanctuaries Advisory Council Handbook.